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"What I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH." Jesus

# Discouraged? Consider "Slow and Go"!

BLESSING AINSWORTH BROWN

It's hard to be grateful when one is crawling along a packed four-lane expressway, with cars stretched as far as the eye can see. The impatient urge is to step on the accelerator and *move*. Recently I heard over my car radio a traffic report on the highway I was traveling: "Slow and go, no tie-ups, no accidents." At once I began to appreciate the orderly forward motion of those many cars. At least we were *moving!* 

Gratitude is a primary requisite. In some respects dealing with a traffic jam can be likened to our progress in Christian Science in

meeting a challenge that seems prolonged.

When progress seems slow at times, there is something to be said for quietly proceeding at a steady pace—not with resignation—but with assurance of the goal. We will get there. What is perfect, complete, and harmonious is right now the state of our true being. This perfection appears humanly to unfold in stages or degrees; as the veil of material thinking is lifted, spiritual expansion takes place. Paul's assurance is heartening—that we will "all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." 1

Better slow and go than slow and stop, or slow and stall, or slow and backslide! Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, tells us, "... however slow, thy success is sure." She prefaces her promise with its condition: "The conscientious are successful. They follow faithfully; through evil or through good report, they work on to the achievement of good; by patience, they inherit the promise. Be active, and, however slow, thy success is sure: toil is triumph; and—thou hast been faithful over a few things." <sup>2</sup>

If he doesn't yield to arguments that cause loss of ground, the seeker who is gaining slowly need not be burdened by blame or discouragement. Mrs. Eddy's writings contain many encouraging and illuminating statements about going forward. This one is part of a message to a branch Church of Christ, Scientist: "Press on. The way is narrow at first, but it expands as we walk in it." Not as we think of it, dream about it, procrastinate over it, or sit by the roadside. But as we walk in it; action is the keynote—whether slow or fast.

Sometimes it seems we can see much farther intellectually or metaphysically than our daily demonstrations express. Might this not indicate a necessity to give more prayer, thought, and effort to actually showing forth the Christ in daily life? Pure thoughts and acts of Christliness are the seeds that, cultivated, flower into the evergreen of confident understanding and inevitably result in proofs

of spiritual fact.

We must begin where we are. If we cannot walk on the water as Christ Jesus did, we can at least put a foot into the water. With faith and the moral courage of a Moses we can see the waters part bit by bit, until we are walking right through the claims of materiality untouched, proceeding step by step on the firm ground of understanding our relationship to God. Acknowledging that all power is of God—and with willingness to listen and be led—what is there to fear or be discouraged by?

Peter attempted walking to Jesus on the water—no doubt with zeal and enthusiasm. Mrs. Eddy says of this account: "Peter's im-

petuosity was rebuked. He had to learn from experience; so have we." <sup>4</sup> Zeal and desire, if not sprung from wisdom, could become greater than our proofs, but with divine Mind's direction, they support and give light to our proving. As zeal and desire are spiritualized, our proofs show ever clearer reflections of man's close relationship to God, his at-one-ment with Him. We begin to understand that God reflects Himself in spiritual man and spiritual universe.

Surmounting the more demanding challenges brings glorious resurrections from belief in life in matter and from the limitations of corporeality. What difference how much "time" it takes? God knows nothing of time, because it is a humanly conceived limit.

If we can see only one step, we should take that step. Our vision changes at each step, and it becomes higher and wider as desire is purified and enlarged. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known," 5 we are told in the Bible.

God knows His own eternality and allness. So we need not be bound by time in our progress Spiritward. And if the way seems "slow and go," we can go as far as we can see now. As we move forward without self-condemnation and with faith in God, the next step will inevitably appear.

The victory is always with Truth! Let's not waste a moment in being discouraged over the "slow," but claiming our motivation in Spirit, put all our expectancy and all our perseverance into the "go."

<sup>1</sup> Eph. 4:13; <sup>2</sup> Miscellaneous Writings, p. 340; <sup>3</sup> The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany, p. 202; <sup>4</sup> Mis., p. 359; <sup>5</sup> I Cor. 13:12.

#### OF SEEKING AND FINDING

Anxiety is sown in the obscure! Cast fears aside at once, pause not nor wait. The moment beckons to us, and for sure The seeking find, if they'll not hesitate.

ANITA H. ROSENAU

## True Identity: We Can Find It

JENIFER CAROL WECHSLER

If we were to identify ourselves as characteristically mortal, having the birth-growth-decay-death cycle as our framework, then all of the things generally known as the problems of mankind would be inevitably and irrevocably true. We would be in danger of the loss of all good, including our very existence.

If, however, we choose to identify ourselves in the framework of Spirit, having only the characteristics of the one creator—God, Spirit—then the picture changes. We are seen to be what we truly are: upright, healthy, radiant with joy, and free from fear,

sickness, and death.

Which would you choose? Because you can't have both! Christ Jesus told his disciples, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." The decision must be made by each of us as to just what his real identity is. Trying to combine the belief of mortal selfhood with the understanding of spiritual identity is impossible.

"Identity is the reflection of Spirit," Mrs. Eddy writes, "the reflection in multifarious forms of the living Principle, Love." These names, Principle and Love, are two of the seven synonyms for God presented by Mrs. Eddy in *Science and Health*, the Christian Science textbook. If we selected just these two and listed all of the spiritual qualities connected with them, we'd have scores of truths describing spiritual man.

Think of Principle, for instance, and what it connotes in terms of qualities: justice, forthrightness, dependability, strength, intelligence, consistency—we could go on and on. And the perfect integrity hinted at by these qualities is inherent in the makeup of man seen in his spiritual framework. Love, for example, implies faithfulness, generosity, purity, peacefulness, kindness, expansive-

ness. Think of it! These God-derived qualities are yours to recog-

nize and demonstrate in your daily experience.

Of course it doesn't always seem that simple. Because mortals have for so long accepted the Adam-and-Eve premise as believable, and mankind have thus identified themselves as created from matter, the challenge is to revise that picture and see man as purely spiritual, never having had a history in a material creation. This requires diligent thought-watching, which must become habitual in order to be effective. And it's worth the effort!

For example, in the matter of expressing the qualities of Principle, think of the daily opportunities at home, at work, or at school. We may be confronted with the choice of being honest or not. We may be tempted to pass the buck concerning mistakes in our work, to copy from another instead of using an original idea, or to fail to maintain consistency in our attitude and work.

What about Love? Does that fellow worker or church member seem quite unpleasant, or could we give him the kindness of a loving thought, be patient till he works out whatever seems to be his difficulty? Perhaps just a smile or word of encouragement might be the outcome of our prayer to express more love, and

be effective in promoting a healing.

A wonderful fact about our spiritual identity is that it is eternal. It never began and will never end because it is the reflection of infinite Soul, God. Each moment is an opportunity to recognize this fact about ourselves and to practice the truth as we see it more clearly. The potential to do this is God-given, and as God is All, there is no opposing power of evil to tempt us out of acting accordingly or to interfere with our ability to do so.

Just as the awareness of our being dawns as we open our eyes from sleep each morning, though in sleep we haven't stopped being, we can moment by moment become more aware of our spiritual being by consciously opening our thought to the glories of divine Love and constantly maintaining our sense of identity as the reflection of Soul. The study of Christian Science helps

make this possible.

Consider the case of a young man who appeared to be suffering from what is known as an identity crisis. He had many responsibilities and was considered extremely successful, yet his work was a burden to him, and joy eluded him. Mental depression was a constant companion, and each material pleasure he sought was unsatisfying. He tried nearly everything to find happiness—travel,

alcohol, psychiatry—all to no avail.

All of this unhappiness culminated in an unhappy marriage, serious business difficulties, and some painful physical problems. The latter were deemed incurable by medical science. But these circumstances only served to prod this man to search for something better.

Mrs. Eddy writes, "Thou art right, immortal Shakespeare,

great poet of humanity:

Sweet are the uses of adversity; Which, like the toad, ugly and venomous, Wears yet a precious iewel in his head." 3

For my friend the jewel was Christian Science. Upon finding it, he began to search the Bible, before unfamiliar to him; studying it together with the Christian Science textbook became a daily

necessity for him.

At first gradually, then more quickly, the problems began to yield to his growing ability to apply the absolute truths he was learning. As this happened, his whole sense of identity underwent a change. Where before had been incapacitating fear and trepidation, confidence and inspiration became the rule. In home relations, appreciation and genuine respect replaced undue criticism and abruptness. A new sense of well-being became daily more visible to him and continues to bless all around him.

Here is a perfect example of the Soul-senses being discovered. As we begin to constantly identify ourselves as the direct, unvarying reflections of Soul, our true sense of identity appears and is demonstrated in practical ways. For the young man who had previously had no specific goal in life, the unsatisfactory job was replaced by a new position. This change presented many challenges, but most of all it enabled him to discover that he did indeed have a goal—serving God. When this was clear, he went on to still another area of service, but the goal stayed the same, and the identity crisis ceased to be.

Christian Science provides the key to destroying every vestige of belief in a false identity and offers clear direction for replacing

the false with the true. Mrs. Eddy outlines the method in Science and Health: "Whoever would demonstrate the healing of Christian Science must abide strictly by its rules, heed every statement, and advance from the rudiments laid down. There is nothing difficult nor toilsome in this task, when the way is pointed out; but self-denial, sincerity, Christianity, and persistence alone win the prize, as they usually do in every department of life." 4

<sup>1</sup> Matt. 6:24; <sup>2</sup> Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 477; <sup>3</sup> ibid., p. 66; <sup>4</sup> ibid., p. 462.

Without personal origin or possession . . .

## All Good Is from God

ROLF WITZSCHE

If someone suggests that a person is intelligent and lovely, do we agree? On the surface it would appear that we should if the evidence supports such a judgment. But this could lead to a serious mistake.

We may ask, Is it a mistake to recognize beauty and intelligence in others? No! The error lies not in recognizing these qualities but in assuming them to be personally originated and possessed. All real qualities are spiritual, reflecting the nature of God. Man is God's image, expressing His qualities and not personally originated characteristics. The Bible informs us that Christ Jesus was once addressed as "good Master" and that he rebuked the speaker, saying, "Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God." 1

The concept of man as a creator and a personal possessor of good, limits, cheats, causes envy and hate; it prevents a realization that every individual is the complete expression of the one infinite Mind, God. A personal sense of beauty or goodness cannot possibly

envision the infinite range of beauty that is inherent in every idea of God.

Too often intelligence has been limited by our supposing it to originate in a material brain, rather than recognizing it as the manifestation of the one Mind, the source of all wisdom, the infinite source of infinite ideas. The error of attributing intelligence to education or personal ability prevents one from reaching out for a fuller expression of infinite Mind, something we all are capable of doing. Man expresses God's qualities as a result of divine law. As we see this, our estimation of mankind's worth and grandeur improves, and leads to a demand for a fuller expression of these qualities in everyday life.

Some time ago I was called to a distant city to help solve an urgent computer problem. I had had little practical experience with the machine that failed, and when I arrived, I found there were actually two problems at different places. I was told we had one day left to correct the trouble, and that others had tried in vain for

many days to come up with a solution.

We had a small team of several men, and to work on both troubles at once, we split up into two groups. Praying about the situation, I realized that we all reflected the divine intelligence that had been expressed in building the machine in the first place. I knew I had all of Mind's infinite intelligence available to me, because it was available to all as reflections of Mind. Soon I discovered a subtle inconsistency that revealed the cause of the problem. Happy over this success, we offered our help to the other team but were told their problem had just been solved too. Infinite intelligence is available to all, and in fact it is the only intelligence anyone can possibly have.

A limited, personal sense of others is a liar. It ascribes to people evil qualities as well as good. Christian Science shows us that no quality is ever personally originated, and since evil is not a quality of God, it cannot be expressed in man. We need to strip any evil tendency away from our conception of man. Evil is never more than the impersonal manifestation of an erroneous concept. It is

a void without substance or consequence.

God's qualities are expressed in man; they are all represented in every one of us. Look for them—they are there. Man is a complete

expression of God. But in their manifestation these qualities differ from one individual to another.

One day, while listening to an orchestra, I noticed a correlation in the part played by each musician to the individual expression of divine qualities. The members played various instruments, but they were all making music, all playing the same composition, although individual in their expression. Every player followed the harmony, style, and rhythm that the composer had set down. The result was the rich flow of music expressing the full grandeur of the composer's thought.

So individual men and women, expressing all of God's qualities in infinite variety, contribute to the full measure of God's inde-

scribable glory.

Even as the various instruments of an orchestra add richness to sound, so the infinitude of all the individual expressions of God's qualities expresses the beauty and depth of His infinite nature. Yet not a single individual expression of God is lost in this infinitude. Quite the contrary, each individual is supremely valuable. Mrs. Eddy writes in *Science and Health*, "Man is not absorbed in Deity, and man cannot lose his individuality, for he reflects eternal Life; nor is he an isolated, solitary idea, for he represents infinite Mind, the sum of all substance." <sup>2</sup>

Health can be maintained and restored by a perception of the infinite nature of all good. Health represents wholeness and completeness. To the degree we understand that man unconditionally reflects the full range of Mind's qualities, we experience health. Health is not a personal possession, subject to deterioration or loss; it is man's divine right, an indestructible, eternal quality of God. It may seem that certain persons completely lack divine qualities, but this is only a false, surface appearance. Prayer that focuses on the completeness of man as God's image restores one's expression of whatever good may seem lacking.

Christian Science reveals reality, and through Science everyone may find life full and lovely, grander than the grandest symphony ever composed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Matt. 19:17; <sup>2</sup> Science and Health, p. 259.

Dominion is provable in all seasons

## Don't Be a Weather Vane!

REGINALD EVELYN NICHOLLS

In Charles Dickens's *Bleak House* the character Mr. Jarndyce remarks, "I am always conscious of an uncomfortable sensation now and then when the wind is blowing in the east." "Rheumatism, sir?" said Richard. "I dare say it is, Rick. I believe it is." <sup>1</sup>

Men and women have too often allowed themselves to become slaves to the weather. They find themselves unconsciously affected by material atmosphere, whether in the form of wind, rain, heat, or cold. Thus climate becomes a kind of god to much of humanity. Weather is supposed to govern our health and moods and be at least a contributing factor in many kinds of disease.

How often people find themselves tending to gloom on wet days and cheerfulness on fine days! And we frequently hear the remark "Oh, he is under the weather." It has even been said that children are less teachable in dull weather than in fine.

Through Christian Science we can prove that climate itself has no effect on us. It is belief in so-called material law that causes us to suffer. Beside the marginal heading "Climate and belief" Mrs. Eddy writes, "So long as mortals declare that certain states of the atmosphere produce catarrh, fever, rheumatism, or consumption, those effects will follow,—not because of the climate, but on account of the belief." <sup>2</sup>

The first chapter of Genesis records that God made man in His likeness and gave him dominion over the earth. Man, therefore, created in God's image, is wholly spiritual and untouched by any material law. Man is idea, outside of any material selfhood. Can material atmosphere touch an idea? We have the right to claim our dominion on the basis of spiritual facts.

To those suffering pain through a belief of having contravened a human law, how comforting and encouraging are the words of Mrs. Eddy: "We should relieve our minds from the depressing thought that we have transgressed a material law and must of necessity pay the penalty. Let us reassure ourselves with the law of Love. God never punishes man for doing right, for honest labor, or for deeds of kindness, though they expose him to fatigue, cold, heat, contagion." <sup>3</sup>

Since God is the only cause and is infinite good, all we can receive is good. Nothing can come between God and us, for He fills all space. There is no overbearing heat in the cooling balm of Spirit, no cold or damp in the ever-present warmth of divine Love. Wind and rain are only a blessing to us. We do not, however, gain dominion through willpower or by lingering defiantly in pouring rain or storm. But through understanding that health is not dependent on weather, because Mind is the eternal source of health, and through conviction that the laws of the weather are governed by God, we prove our dominion in all seasons.

We need, however, to be alert. Every time we dread a draft, every time we fear damp, we are attributing power and intelligence to matter. Whenever we hear the forecast—fog, storm, gale—we

can affirm ever-present good.

Many of us have been brought up from birth to fear our environment: to avoid damp ground, drafts, and so on. These fears are merely the suppositions of a supposed mind apart from God. We can vigorously deny these lies. Man, as the pure reflection of Spirit, reflects its perfect qualities and faculties, its complete health and strength. God's idea is not bound, crippled, doomed to despair by a so-called material law; he is held in the bonds of infinite Love. He is free, absolutely free, living and moving now in the liberty of Spirit.

In a protracted case of crippling stiffness it may be that the conscious or unconscious belief in climate is holding back the healing. The patient may be believing he is victim of the weather. In that case the practitioner needs to destroy his patient's belief in the power of climate, rather than just treat the claim of stiffness. Once the patient is convinced of the powerlessness of material cli-

mate, he will be healed.

Christ Jesus proved God's dominion over the weather when he

stilled the tempest, chiding his disciples with the words, "Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" <sup>4</sup> What a lesson for us all! We also shall be able, as we grow in understanding and strengthen our trust in good, to prove the presence of God's power and control under all circumstances.

Mrs. Eddy gives the account of how she cured of consumption a woman who had trouble with breathing when the wind was in the east. "The wind had not changed," writes Mrs. Eddy, "but her thought of it had and so her difficulty in breathing had gone. The wind had not produced the difficulty. My metaphysical treatment changed the action of her belief on the lungs, and she never suffered again from east winds, but was restored to health." <sup>5</sup>

The human mind would have us believe that although we may not be affected by the outside atmosphere, we do at times allow ourselves to be influenced by our inner moods and feelings. Blaise Pascal, the French geometrician and philosopher, once wrote, "There is little connection between the weather and my mood; I

have my fogs and my fine weather inside me . . . . "6

Do we have our foggy moments? Are we, as it were, human barometers? What is our inner mental mercury registering? Indifference, hardness, depression, gloom? What are we forecasting? A constant rising and falling? As a weather vane turns with every wind, are we yielding our thoughts to every whim and caprice of mortal mind—to anger, resentment, fear, morbidity, selfishness, bad temper? Are we sensitive to seeming annoyance, upset by every false rumor? Do we have an incessant desire for change? Dr. Samuel Johnson shows the futility of this fickle state of mind in his work Rasselas, when his character Nekayah remarks, "Such is the state of life, that none are happy but by the anticipation of change: the change itself is nothing; when we have made it, the next wish is to change again."

Christian Science helps us to overcome unstable thought. As we affirm and realize more fully that God, Mind, is our only Mind, we can free ourselves from these misty, restless thoughts. There are no foggy moments in Mind, the true and only consciousness. We can know that as reflections of Mind we have no gloom, despair, depression, or sadness—nothing but perpetual joy and happiness.

Truth dispels all false shadows of the human mind; it reveals the utter nothingness of error and sickness, the absolute unreality of matter and evil.

As we lift our thoughts above the mists of mortal mind to Principle, God, listen to His voice, and work to express His qualities, we gain a sense of peace. We become more poised, steadfast, satisfied. The Psalmist was conscious of the ever-presence of God and His allness when he declared: "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there." <sup>8</sup> There is only God, eternal good, here and everywhere, now and at every moment. And we are in His presence.

Bleak House, Chap. 6;
 Science and Health, p. 386;
 Mark 4:40;
 Science and Health, pp. 184-185;
 Pensées, Part 2, No. 753;
 Rasselas, Chap. 47;
 Ps. 139:7,

#### TRUTH'S SPIRAL

From whatever step
on the upward stair
I reach for His hand
I find Him there.
He does not know
my dreams of start and stop;
this spiral has no bottom
and no top.
The steps behind, below,
dissolve away—
I learn in Soul's undimming day.
Each successive upward step
by God is wrought
on these, my steps of thought.

PHYLLIS H. STODDARD

## Let Us Enter the Temple Together

**ELEONORE MIERSCH** 

The Bible tells us of a man who, lame from birth and unable to walk, was carried daily to a gate of the temple where he was allowed to beg for alms. Peter and John, two of Jesus' disciples, went up together to the temple to pray, and as they passed the man he asked alms of them.

The disciples looked steadfastly at him. Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk," and grasping him by the hand, raised him up. The account continues: "Immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God." <sup>1</sup>

Up to then this man had known little but inactivity and bondage. Now, in an instant, everything had changed. Suddenly he was free. What had happened? How could this healing have been accom-

plished so quickly?

For Peter and John the healing was completely natural. Their spiritual sense—so developed through their companionship with their Master and through what they had witnessed through him of the healing power of the ever-present Christ, Truth—enabled them to recognize that in place of a limited, corporeal mortal whose capabilities were paralyzed by inertia there was in reality a pure and free son of God.

In Science and Health Mrs. Eddy gives the following spiritual sense of the word "temple": "Body; the idea of Life, substance, and intelligence; the superstructure of Truth; the shrine of Love." <sup>2</sup> This identity, which is completely spiritual and composed of purely divine qualities, is whole and eternal because it is forever the spiritual reflection of divine perfection.

Grasping this truth more clearly gives us a higher concept of man as revealed by the Bible in the light of Christian Science—man who is God's image and likeness and perpetually dwells in the consciousness of divine Life and Love.

If we are seeking healing of illness in Christian Science, it is necessary to turn away with firm resolve from the image of illness that would manifest itself on our physical body. We need to turn our entire thought away from matter to the realization of man's true identity, or body, the temple that is "the idea of Life, substance, and intelligence." Our faithfulness and obedience in doing so lifts our consciousness above the deceitful images of mortal mind and lets us see that the true man does not first have to be improved, neither does he first have to get rid of many errors. He is already spiritual and whole.

This understanding expands our consciousness and lets us be more alert to the needs of our fellowmen, whether these needs are individual or collective. This spiritual alertness also prompts in us the love and the desire never to pass by, unheeding or indifferent, those who in their extremity hope for help, whether they are looking to persons, circumstances, material auxiliaries, or, as it is often called, chance. What is the remedy we can offer? Christian Science.

What can we do when we have led someone to Christian Science for help? Should we turn away from him and let him once more go his way by himself? Of course, if he wants it that way, we respect his decision, but often we can do the same thing Peter did with the lame man. "He took him by the right hand, and lifted him up." What a loving and compassionate gesture! How necessary it often is to support our brother as he takes the first steps of his new understanding and sometimes perhaps go a part of the way with him, to answer his questions patiently until he himself can walk more firmly.

Help us to help each other, Lord, Each other's cross to bear; Let each his friendly aid afford, And feel his brother's care.<sup>4</sup>

We would all like to be so transparent for the Christ, the immortal idea of divine Love, as to be able to accomplish quick and instantaneous healings. But what if there seem to be no results? If there

is a delay in a healing, can it be because we have not lifted ourselves above the belief that our understanding is not yet sufficient? Whatever it may be, we can be alert not to be led into the temptation of believing even for a moment that there is a power to prevent God from acting, no matter how tightly closed human consciousness seems to be.

When we ourselves have opened our consciousness to the new and fresh ideas inspired by Christian Science, when we have learned to be still and to listen for God's loving guidance, we then realize that qualities of compassion, humility, gratitude, and cordial affection for one another are ever present. When we express them in our dealings with our fellowmen, we help everyone to recognize the way.

Equipped with this spiritual understanding, we can lift ourselves above the lie that evil possesses reality in any form. We are then standing firm and faithful to God, divine Principle, and we feel the all-encompassing consciousness of His love. We sense His omnipresence and omnipotence and know the blissful joy of our oneness,

or unity, with Him.

What is it that prevents people from becoming conscious of the blessings of their sonship with God? Is it not ignorance of God and His wonderful creation? Underneath the spiritual emptiness is the desire to be loved and understood. We can abundantly fill this vacuum with love—with the love that is of God and that heals. Like a warm ray of sunshine it fills the anguished and sorely-tried heart with new hope, and Truth, understood, fills our entire being

with light and health.

The teachings of Christian Science transform thought from the boredom and meaninglessness of material existence to enthusiasm for and joy in the true values of the Life which is God, good. Whoever adopts this Science and lives according to it soon discovers that his thought expands through true intelligence, freeing him from the fetters he had subjected himself to. He soon finds that self-righteousness, self-will, and self-love have no legitimate place in his consciousness, but are replaced by confidence in God and in the dominion reflected from Him. Recognition of his eternal sonship with God enables him to see things in their true light with serene poise and gratitude.

What is this wonderful religion that has the power to set men free in one instant? Christ Jesus said: "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." <sup>5</sup> Divine Science is this Comforter. In hallowed thought we can hear the voice of God, and it is here that the Christ reveals to us that there is an answer for every question and a solution for every problem.

<sup>1</sup> Acts 3:6-8; <sup>2</sup> Science and Health, p. 595; <sup>3</sup> Acts 3:7; <sup>4</sup> Christian Science Hymnal, No. 105; <sup>5</sup> John 14:15, 16.

It's worthwhile and inescapable . . .

## To Learn Life

CHANNING WALKER

Like the student of mathematics, the student of the Science of Life has studying to do, concepts to grapple with and apply. The learning process is not the same, though. Divine Life, God, is actually conscious of the learner's true identity. Mathematics, of course, is not.

When the learner of Life is ready to advance, he finds that Life itself is already imparting the exact truths needed. And Life, God, bestows the intelligence with which to comprehend them. It's our responsibility to realize this and to bring our thoughts in line with Life. This mental clearing of the way means getting rid of selfishness, stubbornness, addiction to praise or drugs—or whatever would stand in the way of spiritual progress by fastening thought on the material, the mortal.

Happily, the misery caused by these obstacles or by disease may drive one to look higher. The Bible tells of a longtime sufferer, a woman with an issue of blood for twelve years. As Mark puts it, she "had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all

that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse." <sup>1</sup> But she turned to Christ Jesus, touched his robe, and was instantly healed.

Now as then we have the alternative of letting some grinding ordeal or disease tire us out and put us to sleep, believing in the dream of material existence, or of getting so tired of error that we wake up; turn to God—Life, Love—and start to learn that which is true. The choice is ours. In the Christian Science textbook, Science and Health, Mrs. Eddy writes: "The sharp experiences of belief in the supposititious life of matter, as well as our disappointments and ceaseless woes, turn us like tired children to the arms of divine Love. Then we begin to learn Life in divine Science." <sup>2</sup>

We'll find that what we're learning is wholly spiritual. Spiritual sense is required for this learning. The Bible and Science and Health speak to spiritual sense. But the books also speak meaningfully to the honest human consciousness, which for now may doubt if spiritual sense exists. The learner, at every step, is helped onward by his study of these two books. He's guided by them. His consciousness is probed by their light, and he is challenged to take the next step.

Near the end of the textbook's chapter "Recapitulation" (especially designated for class instruction in Christian Science) Mrs. Eddy states, "We all must learn that Life is God." She follows that statement with two questions for the learner to ask himself: "Am I living the life that approaches the supreme good? Am I demonstrating the healing power of Truth and Love?" <sup>3</sup>

These questions hint at how we go about this learning and how we can measure our progress. The learning won't be merely intellectual. It'll be a matter of daily living what we know. And the

measure of our knowledge will be in practical demonstration.

The math student can close his book at the end of the day and put aside what he's learned. The student of the Science of Life, however, will find himself dealing with concepts that not only enlarge his ideas of Science but affect his ethics, his attitude toward nature, health, art, and his concept of man. When the subject is Life—God Himself—its study is far-reaching in its effect on our reasoning and outlook.

Even our method of reasoning may be clarified, refined. Mathe-

matics has within it different systems of logic and reasoning. In one system, for example, parallel lines never meet. In another they do. Each system is consistent only within its own framework.

The Science of Life, though much more far-reaching in scope than mathematics, has only one system of reasoning—starting always with cause as Mind, God, and going on to effect as idea, man. Nothing in the Science of Life is counter to this. There is no evil, material starting point and no evil, material conclusion. God, good, is All, and man reflects this divine All.

As we learn to reason scientifically, with spiritual inspiration, we will see and demonstrate more of the infinite nature of Life. We won't keep going over the same old ground. There will be plenty of fresh new concepts as we learn the rules for reasoning in accordance with divine Science.

Because God is Soul, He is conscious of His own nature and being. God knows that He is Life and that man is the expression of Life. He knows all there is to know of Himself and His universe. This wholly spiritual knowledge, applied to humanity, is Christian Science. Christian Science enables humanity to learn Life. It follows naturally that the serious student will use the various channels for learning provided by the Christian Science movement, including the Sunday School (if he's under twenty), church services and lectures, class instruction. Primarily it's going to be a matter of study on his own, though, using the Bible Lessons in the *Christian Science Quarterly* as a basis and then going further. Pouring over the books for many hours, trying out the concepts he finds there—he learns from his failures as well as his successes.

The best example for us to check is Christ Jesus. He demonstrated what God is, what man is, and what we must know if we are to prove our inseparability from God, Life. He said, "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." Knowing God and the Christ as demonstrated by Jesus are present demands.

Life in these terms—life that is eternal—is actually outside the realm of time. Jesus demonstrated this. His proofs were progressive, from early in his career when he raised Jairus's daughter, who had just died, to later when he raised Lazarus, who'd been dead for four days. Then, as both practitioner and patient, he raised

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himself from the tomb after the crucifixion. And finally he shattered all limitations of mortality, matter, and time—and ascended. As students of the Christ Science that's our goal, too; to approach

it daily is to learn Life.

One of the beautiful things about God is, He really loves man. It's the kind of love that reaches us humanly as the warmth of a unique friend—the Christ. This relationship keeps the learning vital, practical—never coldly academic, or threatening in its complexity. We don't have to be afraid of failing. God's tender love for the learner points the way to profound, spiritual truths, such as those stated with utter simplicity in the Sermon on the Mount, the parables of Jesus, the writings of Mrs. Eddy. Typically, inevitably, the Christ, Truth, reaches our consciousness in a way we can comprehend. We find we're able to take each next step in learning Life. We can see why it's worthwhile. And even when the going is rough, every step of the way is inspiring.

<sup>1</sup> Mark 5:26; <sup>2</sup> Science and Health, p. 322; <sup>3</sup> ibid., p. 496; <sup>4</sup> John 17:3.

#### DRAGONS FOR UNREAL

That serpent was so little, so subtle, I hardly noticed it, but now it's a virtual dragon!

So?

Dragons aren't real, only easier to see than serpents, easier to see through, ready for destruction! (Not my destruction theirs!)

LONA INGWERSON



Barbara Thayer Sibley

Exam time at college seemed very tense, and I began to be apprehensive about my ability to pass all my exams. To add to the discomfort, I noticed that my best-prepared friends, in order to protect themselves from the thought that "pride goes before a fall," kept expressing excessive gloom and predicting their failure.

But just before exams started, during a chapel service, that whole sense of campus tension was dispelled for me as we repeated the last statement of the Lord's Prayer: "For thine is the kingdom, and

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the power, and the glory, for ever." There was the answer. I thought:

"Thine is the kingdom in which I work." That took care of the

atmosphere on campus.

"Thine is the power with which I work." That took care of a false sense of personal responsibility or of personal ineptitude.

"Thine is the glory when the work is done." That took care of

the superstition that to expect to do well was vainglory.

Examinations went smoothly-my grades were satisfactory.

From then on, this application of the Lord's Prayer became a special touchstone to me. I expressed thanks for it in church and relied on it in solitude.

Then a testimony appeared in a Christian Science periodical in which the same wording was quoted as contributing to a healing. Grateful for that, I decided that when I became a more experienced Scientist I'd write an article based on what I had come to consider "my idea." But years passed, and someone else wrote the article using the identical thought. Amazed, I forgot entirely the touchstone, "Thine is," and reacted with dismay—"But that was my idea."

The rebuke to self-justification was prompt in coming, and reproof brought another awakening. At a Wednesday evening testimony meeting the opening hymn gave me direction:

Eternal Mind the Potter is, And thought th' eternal clay.<sup>2</sup>

And when the selections from *Science and Health* were read, there was the reminder by Mrs. Eddy: "We can have but one Mind, if that one is infinite." <sup>3</sup> So no true idea could be a "my" idea even if no one else appeared to have expressed it before. In this case, however, someone *had* expressed it before me, and there it was in the final hymn that evening—a verse that I had never previously been aware of. I sang it with awe:

God works in us to will, He works in us to do; His is the power by which we act, His be the glory too.4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Matt. 6:13; <sup>2</sup> Christian Science Hymnal, No. 52; <sup>3</sup> Science and Health, p. 469; <sup>4</sup> Hymnal, No. 354.

## Editorials



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### Magnificent Man

Large audiences for television interviews and talk shows with successful writers or politicians, actors or scientists, and so on may point to a general wish for evidence of man's capabilities. The genuine success of one individual can be encouraging to us all because it contributes to the overall success and progress of mankind.

Where success and talent are authentic—that is, constructive, opening wider a sense of mankind's capacities for good and leading to growth in understanding and compassion—then they hint at the real man, the manifestation of God. Examined through Christian Science, man is magnificent—magnificent because he shows forth the perfectness and majesty of divine Life. He is not a poor, fallible creature, as he's often adjudged according to mortal reasoning.

Talent, intelligence, vision, and the like don't have their source in mortal personality. They derive from God. They indicate the presence of God and His attributes. So genuine achievement should not draw our thought to mortal personality but should remind us of the infinitude and wisdom of God, divine Mind. There has never been, nor ever will be, a genuinely successful individual who has been the source of the qualities that brought about the success. Consciously or unconsciously, such an individual is showing something of his true identity, God's man.

How may we ourselves do better? By resting our thought as consistently as we can on more spiritually scientific premises. That man is the descendant of mortals and the father of mortals is the initial misconception on which limitations and mortality rest. We are the direct descendants of divine Life, Life's expression and

manifestation.

A spiritually scientific perception of man cracks through the ice of personal sense, which seems to confine and chill our view of man. The possibility has come through Science for mankind to find a high—and an unlimited—definition of man. Science shows us how to base our reasoning on God, to affirm His immortal perfection and the unchanging perfection of man as God's expression.

Divine Life makes and keeps us the ideal man we really are, provides all we need, and creates the flawless universe in which we have our being. Cultural, class, or racial prejudice—none of these can actually come into being nor have a place in our being. The spiritual reality is that in our true selfhood we are inseparable from the infinite attributes and qualities belonging to God. In the measure that we acknowledge this we lay the foundation for being more useful and fulfilled—we evidence to a larger degree the magnificent man of divine Life's creating.

Because Christian Science reveals the omnipotence and omnipresence of divine Life, the only cause, it inevitably promotes and recognizes positive human achievement. To the degree we recognize the presence of Life and its idea, man, we rejoice in the possibilities of men, women, and children. Quite an improvement on sinking morosely into negative, sin-laden concepts of our fellows!

Suppose a small child is given a doll. One of the child's first actions will probably be to name it. The name will almost certainly be one that expresses the child's affection for the toy and the expectation of having a delightful relationship with it. We sometimes need to recognize within ourselves the innocence that prompts us to identify fellow beings positively.

The eternal scientific fact is that perfect, divine cause can have only perfect effect. Man is the infinite expression of infinite Life. Our admission of this, our living from this basis, means we can more and more cultivate the characteristics that enrich living and unlock gates to worthwhile achievements. We think in larger terms and more creatively. We think more universally and so less self-centeredly. We're freer of the ball and chain of theological views that man is an abject sinner.

Regardless of what levels we may have slithered to, we can find in the Science of man the way to immediately begin taking a better course. Far from being a hopeless failure or a squalid wrongdoer, man is actually the evidencer that good is permanent, present, and incorruptible. The life and spirit of Christ Jesus teach this.

Mary Baker Eddy writes in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures: "Jesus acknowledged no ties of the flesh. He said: 'Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.'" Jesus, more than anyone, has cut through the mythology of mortal man and disclosed man's magnificence as God's expression. His insight, of inexpressible significance, was the outcome of his conscious inseparability from the Father Mind. The possibilities of such perception have been broadened out to us today through divine Science, the Science of man, showing that man does not come from and live in matter, but arises and has his being in immortal Spirit. Here is an entirely fresh and infinitely hopeful foundation for humanity.

Geoffrey J. Barratt

1 Science and Health, p. 31.

## Motive-power to Get Things Done

A deadline helps some people finish a task; the need to earn money to feed the family is an incentive to others to deliver a product on time; a watchful parent may stir up enough activity in a child for homework to be completed. Where there is no such human stimulus to impel one to get things done, however, a state of stagnation sometimes sets in, accompanied often by a mounting sense of frustration and self-contempt. For who can respect an individual—even if the individual is himself—who displays so little evidence of possessing the virile qualities of the divine Mind needed to get done whatever needs to be done?

Yet everyone has these qualities and should know that he is able to use them anywhere at any time. There is nobody in all the universe who cannot claim for himself whatever motive-power he needs—who has not the ability to express such characteristics as patience, promptness, concentration, and discipline, which will result in satisfying accomplishment. The power to accomplish is not

derived from human will but from God. Mrs. Eddy writes in Science and Health, "Christian Science reveals Truth and Love

as the motive-powers of man." 1

The real man created by God embodies all the qualities of the divine nature—of Life, Truth, Mind, Spirit, Soul, divine Principle, and Love. Some of these qualities are figuratively represented in the Bible's first chapter. They are symbolized by different kinds of beasts of the land, air, and ocean and are easily identified in the account of spiritual creation. Mrs. Eddy explains them in the Christian Science textbook, showing, for example, that the mental realm is ruled by moral courage—symbolized by the lion. She points to strength—the great whales; to aspirations—the fowls of the air; to patience—the tireless worm.<sup>2</sup> And she says: "In the figurative transmission from the divine thought to the human, diligence, promptness, and perseverance are likened to 'the cattle upon a thousand hills.' They carry the baggage of stern resolve, and keep pace with highest purpose." <sup>3</sup>

Diligence, promptness, perseverance, and stern resolve are qualities we all need to express if we are to attain the reward of accomplishment; and we are always able to express them, since they are derived from the divine Mind, of which man is permanently the perfect reflection. All the attributes of God are inherent in man, and by claiming and expressing them we displace the negative traits of laziness, procrastination, and lack of application, which sometimes seem to paralyze us and prevent the completion of

whatever it is we have to do.

Few mental shortcomings are more demoralizing than the tendency to procrastinate. The barometer of one's self-respect can drop to the level of deep depression as a consequence of this moral weakness. But experience shows it will quickly rise under the influence of the Christly understanding of true, spiritual being as taught in the Bible and Christian Science, and the effort to put daily into practice the Godlike qualities of spontaneity and purposefulness that man truly possesses.

From this point of view we can find an unattractive duty is a lively challenge instead of a tedious chore. It can be an inspiring opportunity to prove our identity as the expression of God rather than a seemingly boring assignment to be accomplished through

the exercise of human determination. Whoever the individual and whatever the project—whether one is a high school or college student with a term paper or thesis to complete, a business person with a report to draw up, or a homeowner with a yard full of winter debris to clear—he can count it an opportunity to prove possession of the single-mindedness and sincerity needed to finish it without delay. The needed motive-powers belong to God, and He imparts them to all His children equally and abundantly.

Christ Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." And his faithful follower, the Apostle Paul, wrote: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." <sup>5</sup>

The effect of this Christly understanding is dynamic. The power of God is supreme, and the knowledge that His spirit is working in His idea, man, "to do of his good pleasure" is more than adequate

to dissolve the beliefs of human inadequacy.

God, divine Truth, Life, and Love, is invariably working with all His children. His work is done and His universe is complete. All of His creations perpetually reflect His qualities. They individually express the dependability and integrity of Truth, the vitality and activity of Life, and the harmony and perfection of Love. Men, women, and children alike can know that these spiritual qualities, and infinitely more, belong to them. They can expect to see them expressed in their own lives so that everything they have to do is undertaken and completed with dominion and joy.

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<sup>1</sup> Science and Health, p. 490; <sup>2</sup> See ibid., pp. 511-515; <sup>3</sup> ibid., p. 514; <sup>4</sup> John 5:17; <sup>5</sup> Phil. 2:12, 13.

The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Psalms 29:11

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# Testimonies of Christian Science Healing

More than twenty-five years ago a perceptive friend invited me to a Christian Science lecture. At that period of my life I was sorely in need of direction. I had begun to doubt the religious concepts learned from childhood—even the existence of God or what I then understood God to be. For a number of years I had attended no church services at all. This disturbed me because I had a deep affection for the Bible teachings, although I admit they often seemed contradictory and puzzled me.

So I was pleasantly surprised upon attending my first lecture to find Christian Science was not at all what I had been told it was by persons critical of its teachings. Many of the thoughts expressed that evening seemed original and inspiring. Impressed though I was, I did not immediately nor completely accept this religion. Dogma, creed, and early instruction were too deeply ingrained. Instead it dawned on me like a gentle but unwavering light, which finally shone brightly in my thought as the true panacea for the world's ills.

I was working in a downtown area of a large city and found a Christian Science Reading Room close at hand. It became my noontime oasis, a respite from the fast-paced business of which I was then a part.

As I became acquainted with Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy and daily studied the Bible Lesson in the Christian Science Quarterly, I became less conscious of self. Although I was not working toward a specific healing, only

The statements made in these testimonies with regard to healings have been carefully verified. The original testimonies and their respective verifications are on file for reference with The Christian Science Publishing Society.—The Editors.

trying to know God better, my health began to improve. And how comforting it was to learn that what I had always regarded as miracles were healings made possible through spiritual power available to everyone in our time as well as in Jesus' time.

As a child I had been perplexed by the concept of a corporeal God who could be everywhere at once administering, personally, to the entire world. But God as Love, Mind, Principle—three of the synonyms for God as taught in Christian Science—who fills all

space, was an idea I could readily accept.

In Science and Health Mrs. Eddy tells us (p. 167), "Only through radical reliance on Truth can scientific healing power be realized." Through the study and application of Christian Science I was permanently healed of chronic sinus trouble with accompanying headaches. After much ineffectual medical treatment a specialist had told me earlier that sinus trouble was something I would have to learn to live with. There were instantaneous healings of severe burns and the effects of a scorpion bite. In the latter instance part of a verse from the Bible, Christ Jesus' words, flashed quickly to mind (Luke 10:19), "I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, . . . and nothing shall by any means hurt you." These words were tremendously reassuring. Fear left me. There was no swelling, and there were no aftereffects.

Once after an extended period of work done under extremely trying conditions I was faced with symptoms of a nervous breakdown. The images that presented themselves to my thought were frightening. How grateful I was when my husband, who was not a Christian Scientist, said, "Stick with Christian Science. It's the only thing that makes any sense." It was a number of months before I was lifted out of deep depression. A wise Christian Science practitioner, who gave me prayerful treatment, was truly a tower of strength.

I seemed to thirst for any word that would bring about a better understanding of Truth and bring God closer to me. I studied all day every day and far into the nights, sometimes until early morning hours.

Never had I really appreciated the words of the songs in our Christian Science Hymnal. Now I clung to their strong messages.

I fumbled through them at the piano as tears streamed down my cheeks. Hymn No. 64 stands out. The first stanza reads:

From sense to Soul my pathway lies before me,
From mist and shadow into Truth's clear day;
The dawn of all things real is breaking o'er me,
My heart is singing: I have found the way.

This hymn showed me that through this period of spiritual growth I was catching a small glimpse into the journey "from sense to Soul." The healing occurred more than eleven years ago. There were no scars, no painful memories—not even "the smell of fire" (Dan. 3:27).

How can mere words express enough gratitude for such a healing? There has been no experience comparable to it for me. It is

a spiritual joy that transcends all others.

Christian Science has reshaped my life and directed my footsteps into paths leading to true happiness and health. Each year as I delve more deeply into the meanings in Mrs. Eddy's writings, I am increasingly appreciative of the treasure she has given us, dearly bought through her life of sacrifice. Her words shed the light of understanding on the Scriptures and make them come alive!

I am grateful for membership and activity in a branch Church of Christ, Scientist, and membership in The Mother Church. Class

instruction from a dedicated teacher was an added joy.

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#### [Original in German]

I found out about Christian Science ten years ago through an acquaintance who gave me *The Herald of Christian Science* (German Edition) to read. A new heaven opened up for me. I had found no satisfaction in my former religion, so I let myself drift until I finally found the pure and living religion that I had envisioned as a child.

Like a person thirsting in the desert, I asked for more and more Heralds, until I received Science and Health by Mrs. Eddy. This

book truly literally unlocked the Holy Scriptures, and I can now say with the Psalmist (Ps. 16:6): "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage." I can no longer imagine my life without Christian Science, which daily has such blessed effects.

After I had enthusiastically read many *Heralds*, without first paying much attention to the testimonies, I ran across a testimony of a healing of constipation. Then for the first time it was clear to me that if prayer and reliance on spiritual means for health had helped in that case, it could help me too. Thus, without hesitation, I threw away all material means and from that very hour I had no more complaints.

Soon I had another proof that God is ever-present divine Love. Symptoms of rheumatism plagued me a great deal. Half the night I endeavored to maintain the truth of my relation to God as His perfect idea, as I understood it at the time, whereupon the pain left me. On the following day I was able to take a six-hour hike.

One other time when I was helping at a relative's home, sciatica made it so difficult that I could scarcely stand up straight. My counter argument was from *Science and Health* (p. 93), "Good never causes evil, nor creates aught that can cause evil." I held fast to this truth and soon thereafter I could walk upright again.

Of all the blessings I have had in the course of time, I should like to tell of one more healing which further strengthened my faith. Some years ago, when I was helping out in a family, pains developed in my back that, according to descriptions I had heard, were the effect of injured disks. I called a Christian Science practitioner, who gave me prayerful treatment, and I myself held fast to the rules of Christian Science healing.

At that time I performed my duty, although every movement reminded me of this inharmonious condition. For several weeks I struggled with the false testimony of the physical senses. Then, one day, I was completely free. I felt deeply grateful to have proved Christ Jesus' promise (John 8:32), "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

I am full of reverence for Mrs. Eddy, who was able to rediscover and pass on to us, through her absolute consecration to God, this truth of the divine nature of man. It is wonderful to be healed, but it is even more uplifting to perceive the kingdom of heaven in man through Christian Science.

I was privileged to observe, by attending the Annual Meeting in 1975, how the activities of The Mother Church, established in the Manual of The Mother Church by Mrs. Eddy, are able to bless all mankind and to deliver men from the false belief of matter. I am deeply grateful to help in this through membership in The Mother Church and in a branch church. Class instruction has enabled me to understand the importance of consistent prayerful metaphysical work. I am ever grateful to divine Love for all this help.

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In the year 1908 Christian Science was made known to me by a stranger, who directed me to a Christian Science Reading Room to get a copy of *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy.

My next step was to release my interest in material medicine, as I was not receiving the help anticipated. Following this progressive step toward knowing myself as a spiritual idea, I visited a Christian Science practitioner for treatment. With the prayer of the practitioner I was healed of symptoms of semi-invalidism and a fallen uterus. "Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place" (II Cor. 2:14).

Let me say, with gratitude, that my youthful indifference to church activity was mastered through my faithful study of the Bible Lesson in the *Christian Science Quarterly*. This study enabled me to become a member of The Mother Church in Boston, Massachusetts, and of one of its branch churches; later, to have

class instruction and then to help others.

To share now a few selected healings of my own that came by way of the Christ, as understood in Christian Science, is a joy—for every such testimony is a message of Truth and Love to the human race.

After my first healings, related above, I accepted healing as a result of prayer. To begin with, I was bedridden with a crippling

condition and was having a practitioner's help, with a Christian Science nurse in attendance. I was healed of circulatory disturbance, night sweats, and chest disturbance, and I was able to lay off glasses for reading. Later there was a healing of the effects of a fall,

with the loving service of a practitioner.

I was healed of flu after several days. Finally, out of patience with the result of my own treatment, I looked up the definition of "cold" in a dictionary. I found a meaning that conveyed to me this personal interpretation, "check or chill to harmony." This brought to my attention some discord that had to be seen as not in line with "our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious." [These words appear in Science and Health (p. 16) following Christ Jesus' opening words in the Lord's Prayer:

"Our Father which art in heaven,
Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious."]

Healing was instantaneous. At another time I had an instantaneous healing of a break in my right arm at the wrist. An X ray revealed a perfect set, and no need of anything else. Numerous are the healings of temperamental tendencies. Unending gratitude is due Christian Science for the understanding of God as our parent Mind.

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (I Tim. 2:5, 6).

(Mrs.) Mabelle Saunders Santa Monica, California

My children and I have had innumerable evidences of the heal-

ing and protecting power of the Father's great love!

I am particularly grateful for proofs I had while I was serving a term as Second Reader in a branch church. I found that no matter what untoward problem presented itself, when it was faced not as a material condition but as a lie—a suggestion of a mind that does not exist, since God is the only Mind—it dissolved into nothingness. I was always able to be in my place at the service. Some

of the healings during this period were of broken bones (within twenty-four hours), flu, loss of voice, and loss of hearing.

The children have been healed of ear infections, chronic nosebleeds, allergy, birthmark, impetigo, so-called childhood diseases, tumor, and drug usage. I am grateful for all our healings but even more for the spiritual regeneration that has accompanied them.

I am unspeakably grateful for the growing understanding of the fatherhood and motherhood of Love, God, and of His tender care for all His ideas. One glimpse of the healing power of divine Love

came several years ago.

One of my daughters was ill for several weeks with a severe allergy. Prayerful help was being given by a Christian Science practitioner, and much purification was going on in my consciousness and in the child's, but the symptoms seemed to grow continually worse. The condition spread, and she was unable to take nourishment except through a straw. I began to feel quite discouraged, never doubting that Christian Science heals, but discouraged that I couldn't see the truth clearly enough for the child to be well. This I recognized as a false sense of responsibility asserting itself.

One day, after talking with the practitioner, I turned to God with all my heart, declaring that divine Mind was revealing what I needed to see. Soon my thought began to clear, and I asked myself some very basic questions: How did Jesus heal? What did he see? What did Mrs. Eddy see that enabled her to heal as Christ

Iesus said his followers would heal?

I recalled an inspiring experience given in Twelve Years with Mary Baker Eddy by Irving C. Tomlinson. A mother tells of the glimpse she had of "real Mother-Love" as expressed by Mrs. Eddy, and the healing results. (See p. 61.) I pondered this and prayed that I, too, might express this true sense of pure mother love. Then I asked myself: What did Mrs. Eddy perceive when looking at the child? The answer came from an account by one of her students, describing how her teacher healed. Mrs. Eddy said, as this student recalled (We Knew Mary Baker Eddy, First Series, p. 74): "I saw the love of God encircling the universe and man, filling all space, and that divine Love so permeated my own consciousness that I loved with Christlike compassion everything I saw."

Why, I thought, this love of God, this love that is God, is here

right now, filling all space, all place. Therefore there can be no infection, no mental poison, no physical poison, only Love, everywhere! I truly felt the presence of divine Love enfolding the child and me and all. At that moment I heard the child saying she was hungry. She ate without the straw and without pain. The sores began to dry up immediately and were soon gone.

I could never express in words the gratitude I feel for Mrs. Eddy, who gave us the understanding of God's law of Love, and the rules that enable us to demonstrate this law as Jesus did. I am grateful, too, that my mother found and shared this most precious gift with my sister and me; and for the practitioners who have so lovingly and patiently worked with us. Christian Science has met my every need for over forty years.

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I submit this testimony of the healing power of Christian Science with great gratitude to God and a deep desire that it may help and encourage others.

Since young womanhood I had suffered intense periodic discomfort that was so extreme I would be confined to bed for at least two days each month with nausea, pain, and weakness. This condition seemed to cast a blight on my otherwise active life and interfered drastically with my career as a teacher. Prior to my taking up the study of Christian Science many material remedies were tried to no avail, and doctors were unable to help me.

Christian Science came into my life twenty-eight years ago and transformed my whole outlook. I had treatment from a Christian Science practitioner for the physical difficulty on and off for a period of years before my healing came. During this time other problems were resolved and my life regenerated.

In the few months preceding my healing, I was asked by a practitioner who was praying for me to study references in Mrs. Eddy's writings on "womanhood" and "motherhood." I began to learn day by day something of my true being as the reflection of God's divine, incorporeal motherhood; that I embodied nothing

but what I derived from God. The definition of "Mother" in the Glossary of Science and Health by Mrs. Eddy was my starting point. It reads (p. 592): "Mother. God; divine and eternal Principle; Life, Truth, and Love." As I began to see that I was composed of ideas governed by Mind, not organs controlled by matter and material laws, improvement was manifested. During this time treatment was continued for about three months. I was finally healed, and in the nine years since there has been no recurrence of the discomfort and debilitating symptoms.

Our two children have been almost free from so-called childhood diseases; and when such illnesses did appear, they were quickly overcome. The children's protection from contagion was brought about by knowing their complete immunity from harm as spiritual

ideas of their Father-Mother God.

Some years ago our need for a home was met when I recalled Christ Jesus' promise (John 14:2), "In my Father's house are many mansions." I saw there was abundant supply for all of the qualities that constitute home, and we were not searching for a needle in a haystack. Since that time we have been blessed with adequate and pleasant housing wherever we have lived.

Recently our young daughter received a quick healing of an injured hand when her fingers were shut in a car door. We refused to accept the belief of accident, and her hand was never out of normal use during the few days it took to complete the healing.

Our son fell against a brick wall, banging his mouth and teeth. He remembered what had been discussed at Sunday School the previous week (Ps. 46:10): "Be still, and know that I am God." He told us he did just that and within hours all pain and discomfort were banished.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Cause of Christian Science by active membership in a branch Church of Christ, Scientist. In particular I have enjoyed my duties as soloist, pianist, clerk, and executive board member. I can't imagine living without the help of Christian Science.

(Mrs.) Pamela I. Bird Poole, Dorset, England



Related to the Lesson-Sermon for May 8, 1977, in the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE QUARTERLY—BIBLE LESSONS Subject: Adam and Fallen Man

# Firstfruits of his creatures (James 1:18)

In ancient Israel the "first-fruits" were the first ripened fruits in a crop, the plucking of which signified the coming of the harvest. They were given back as an offering to God, the creator, to whom all living things were understood to belong.

#### Lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness (James 1:21)

The word that translates "lay apart" can also mean "put aside." For "superfluity of naughtiness" *The Interpreter's Bible* suggests "the evil which abounds."

Pulse (Dan. 1:12) Vegetables. It is the spirit that quickeneth (John 6:63)

The Greek word for "quickeneth" means "to make alive" and is so translated in I Cor. 15:22.

### It is written (Matt. 4:4, 6, 7, 10)

To each temptation Jesus answers from the Scriptures, in each case from the book of Deuteronomy (see 8:3; 6:16; 6:13). The tempter's quotation is from Psalm 91.

# The fiery trial which is to try you (I Pet. 4:12)

The imagery here may pick up a rather common Old Testament theme of the testing or purifying of gold (see Mal. 3:2-4). In *The Interpreter's Bible A. M.* Hunter says, "The point is not so much the fierceness of the heat as the refining power of fire . . . ."

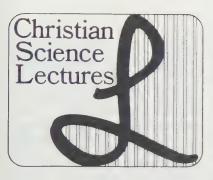
# Christ the firstfruits (I Cor. 15:23)

One of the Hebrew words for "firstfruits"—rêshîth—which Paul would have been acquainted with by virtue of his training as a Jewish rabbi, has the same root as the Hebrew word behind the Genesis 1 phrase, "In the beginning."

# They that are Christ's at his coming (I Cor. 15:23)

The Greek word for "coming" can also be translated "presence."

The Lesson-Sermons contain Bible references (King James Version) and correlative passages from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy.



Everyone is cordially invited to these free lectures.

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#### **ENGLAND**

CORNWALL—Falmouth: Falmouth School, Trescobeas Rd., 7.30 p.m., Mon., May 23.‡ "Finding God's Direction" (Holmes)

**DEVONSHIRE—Plymouth:** Church, Ford Park Rd., 7.30 p.m., Tues., May 24.‡ "The Answer to Despair" (Holmes)

LEICESTERSHIRE—Leicester (First): Laurels School Hall, 137 London Rd., 8 p.m., Tues., May 24. "Dare to Care" (Houston)

LONDON—London (Eleventh): Church, 1 Nutford Pl., 7.30 p.m., Thurs., May 19.‡ "Dare to Care" (Houston)

London (Thirteenth): Old Town Hall, Fulham Rd., Fulham, 8 p.m., Fri., May 27. "Finding God's Direction" (Holmes)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE—Northampton: Exeter Rooms, Exeter Way, Kettering Rd., 3 p.m., Sun., May 22.‡ "Dare to Care" (Houston)

OXFORDSHIRE—Oxford: Oxford Town Hall, St. Aldates, 7.30 p.m., Fri., May 27.‡ "Dare to Care" (Houston)

STAFFORDSHIRE—Stoke-on-Trent: Jubilee Hall, Town Hall, 7.30 p.m., Thurs., May 26. "Dare to Care" (Houston)

WEST MIDLANDS—Walsall (First, Sutton Coldfield): Town Hall, Lichfield St., 8 p.m., Mon., May 23.‡ "See It Like It Is" (Houston) WEST SUSSEX—Haywards Heath: Clair Hall, Perrymount Rd., 3 p.m., Sat., May 28.‡ "The Answer to Despair" (Holmes)

WILTSHIRE—Salisbury: Banqueting Room, Guildhall, Market Sq., 7.30 p.m., Thurs., May 26. "Who Runs Your Life?" (Holmes)

# FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Heidelberg: Alte Aula, Ruprecht-Karl-Universität, 1 Grabengasse, 8 p.m., Mon., May 23. In German. "Use Your Spiritual Power" (Henderson)

Karlsruhe: Saal, Volkshochschule, 10 Röntgenstr., 4 p.m., Sun., May 22. In German. "Use Your Spiritual Power" (Henderson)

Ludwigshafen (First, Mannheim): Pfalzbau, Blauer Saal, 30 Berlinerstr., 8 p.m., Tues., May 24. In German. "Use Your Spiritual Power" (Henderson)

Stuttgart: Mozartsaal, Liederhalle, 1 Berliner Platz, 7.30 p.m., Thurs., May 26. In German. "Use Your Spiritual Power" (Henderson)

#### FRANCE

Grenoble: Maison du Tourisme, 14 rue de la République, 8.30 p.m., Thurs., May 26. In French. "God Is Where You Are" (Girardin)

## **SWITZERLAND**

Bex (joint lecture): Grande Salle, 3.30 p.m., Sun., May 22. In French. "Our Sonship with God" (Girardin)

Geneva: Théâtre Pitoëff, 52 rue de Carouge, 8 p.m., Tues., May 24. In French. "Our Sonship with God" (Girardin)

# UNITED STATES AND CANADA

(Week of May 8 to 14, and some earlier dates)

# CANADA

ALBERTA—Calgary: New Theatre, Central Public Library, 616 Macleod Trl., S.E., 8 p.m., Tues., May 10. "Your Unlimited Opportunities" (McGrew)

#### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SENTINEL

ALBERTA (continued)

Edmonton: Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium, Social Rm., 114th St. and 87th Ave., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 12.‡ "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

Medicine Hat: College Auditorium, College Dr., S.W., 2.30 p.m., Sat., May 14.‡ "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

BRITISH COLUMBIA—Nelson: Church, 237 Baker St., 3 p.m., Sun., May 8. "Your Unlimited Opportunities" (McGrew)

ONTARIO—Kingston: Church, 216 Mowat Ave., 8.15 p.m., Thurs., May 12.‡ "How to Love and Be Loved" (Alton)

#### UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA—Berkeley (Second): Church, 1521 Spruce St., 8 p.m., Fri., May 13.‡ "A New Beginning" (Jenks)

Beverly Hills: Church, 142 S. Rexford Dr., 11 a.m., Sat., May 14.‡ "Deathless Life" (Curtis)

Eureka: Church, 11th and H Sts., 8 p.m., Mon., May 9.‡ "Christian Science: Its Healing Practice" (Kenyon)

Lodi: Women's Club House, 325 W. Pine St., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 12.‡ "A New Beginning" (Jenks)

Modesto (First): Church, 225 Downey Ave., 8 p.m., Mon., May 9.‡ "A New Beginning" (Jenks)

Placerville: Empire Theater, 432 Main St., 11 a.m., Sat., May 14.‡ "A New Beginning" (Jenks)

San Francisco (Eleventh): Church, 3030 Judah St., 3 p.m., Sun., May 8.‡ "A New Beginning" (Jenks)

Tulare: Church, 510 E. Kern Ave., 8 p.m., Fri., May 6.‡ "A New Beginning" (Jenks)

Ukiah (joint lecture): First Church of Christ, Scientist, 204 S. Oak St., 3 p.m., Sun., May 8.‡ "Christian Science: Its Healing Practice" (Kenyon)

Yreka: Community Theater, Oregon and School Sts., 8 p.m., Tues., May 10. "Christian Science: Its Healing Practice" (Kenyon) COLORADO—Aurora: North Junior High, 12095 Montview Blvd. and Peoria, 8 p.m., Tues., May 10.‡ "The Touch of Spirit" (Clarke)

Colorado Springs: Church, Boulder St. and Cascade Ave., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 12.‡ "The Touch of Spirit" (Clarke)

Evergreen: Evergreen Theatre, Meadow Dr., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 12.‡ "Get Your Life in Balance" (Driver)

Pueblo: University Auditorium, 2200 Bonforte Blvd., 8 p.m., Fri., May 13.‡ "Get Your Life in Balance" (Driver)

CONNECTICUT—Waterbury: Church, 37 Holmes Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., May 8.‡ "Responding to the Word of God" (Anwandter)

IDAHO—Boise (First): Church, 814 State St., 3 p.m., Sun., May 8.‡ "Deathless Life" (Curtis)

Coeur d'Alene: North Shore Convention Ctr., 102 Second St., 8 p.m., Tues., May 10.‡ "A New View of Prophecy" (Thorneloe)

Moscow: West Park School, 510 Home, 8 p.m., Thurs., May 12.‡ "Deathless Life" (Curtis)

Nampa: Brethren Church, 323 11th Ave., S., 8 p.m., Mon., May 9. "Let's Choose Heaven Here" (Curtis)

ILLINOIS—Chicago (Second): Church, 2700 Pine Grove Ave., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 12.‡ "Divine Love Is the Only Mind" (Crichlow)

Chicago (Eighth): Church, E. 44th St. and Michigan Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., May 8.‡ "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

Glen Ellyn: Civic Center, 535 Duane St., 8 p.m., Sat., May 14.‡ "Divine Love Is the Only Mind" (Crichlow)

Jacksonville: Church, 523 W. State, 3 p.m., Sun., May 8.‡ "Protection Where Lions Lurk" (Wood)

Kewanee: Church, 300 S. Main St., 3 p.m., Sat., May 14. "Where in the World Is God?" (McClain)

#### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURES

ILLINOIS (continued)

Palos Park: Church, 12300 S. 80th Ave., 8 p.m., Tues., May 10.‡ "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

Park Forest: Church, Westwood and Westgate Drs., 8 p.m., Fri., May 13.‡ "Divine Love Is the Only Mind" (Crichlow)

Rockford: Henrici's Convention Center, 7801 E. State St., 11 a.m., Sat., May 14.‡ "Where in the World Is God?" (McClain)

Waukegan: Church, 230 N. West St. and Grand Ave., 8 p.m., Fri., May 13.‡ "Why Spiritual Healing?" (McClain)

Wilmette: Church, Tenth and Central Aves., 8 p.m., Mon., May 9.‡ "A Lesson from a Bridge" (Tuttle)

INDIANA—Marion: I & M Community Ctr. Rm., 100 S. Washington St., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 12. "Reality: Matter or Mind?" (Ferris)

IOWA—Cedar Falls: Church, W. Sixth and Walnut Sts., 8 p.m., Mon., May 9.‡ "Mind and Man" (Heard)

Webster City: Church, 1505 Lynx Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., May 8. "Finding Reality Through Prayer" (Heard)

KANSAS—McPherson: Church, 201 S. Elm, 8 p.m., Mon., May 9.‡ "Safe in God's Care" (Williams)

Olathe: Santa Fe Trail Junior High, 127 N. Ridgeview Rd., 3 p.m., Sun., May 8.‡ "Safe in God's Care" (Williams)

KENTUCKY—Newport: Church, 639 Nelson Pl., 8 p.m., Tues., May 10. "Jesus, Brothers, and Other Strangers" (Wood)

MAINE—Bangor: See local notice for place. 3 p.m., Sat., May 14.‡ "Responding to the Word of God" (Anwandter)

Rockland: Church, 312 Broadway and Rankin Sts., 7.30 p.m., Thurs., May 12. "Liberation Through Christ" (Anwandter)

MASSACHUSETTS—Andover: Church, 278 N. Main St., 8 p.m., Tues., May 10.‡ "Liberation Through Christ" (Anwandter)

Belmont: Church, 199 Common St., 3 p.m., Sun., May 8.‡ "The Complete Man and Woman" (Heafer) Cambridge: Church, Waterhouse St. and Massachusetts Ave., 11 a.m., Sat., May 14.‡ "There Is Only One Real Ego" (Correll)

Duxbury: First Parish Church, Tremont St., 8 p.m., Mon., May 9.‡ "Individualizing God's Power" (Pickett)

Lexington: Church, Forest and Muzzey Sts., 8 p.m., Fri., May 13.‡ "The Spiritual Viewpoint" (Correll)

Malden: Church, Main and Spring Sts., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 12.‡ "There Is Only One Real Ego" (Correll)

Natick: Kennedy Junior High, Mill St., bet. Hartford St. and Rte. 135, 8 p.m., Mon., May 9.‡ "Liberation Through Christ" (Anwandter)

Worcester (Second): Woman's Club, Tuckerman Hall, 10 Tuckerman St., 8 p.m., Tues., May 10.‡ "The Spiritual Viewpoint" (Correll)

MICHIGAN—Benton Harbor: Church, 177 Chippewa Rd., 11 a.m., Sat., May 14.‡ "Reality: Matter or Mind?" (Ferris)

Grand Ledge: High School Lecture Hall, W. Kent St., off Jenne St., 3 p.m., Sun., May 8.‡ "Divine Love Is the Only Mind" (Crichlow)

Hillsdale: Church, 377 S. Broad, 8 p.m., Tues., May 10. "Divine Love Is the Only Mind" (Crichlow)

Three Rivers: Junior High, East M-60, 8 p.m., Mon., May 9.‡ "Divine Love Is the Only Mind" (Crichlow)

MINNESOTA—Minneapolis (Seventh): See local notice for place. 8 p.m., Fri., May 13.‡ "Jesus, Brothers, and Other Strangers" (Wood)

Minneapolis (Eighth): Church, 4300 Queen Ave., N., 8 p.m., Tues., May 10.‡ "Finding Reality Through Prayer" (Heard)

White Bear Lake: Church, 207 Clark Ave., 3 p.m., Sat., May 14.‡ "Jesus, Brothers, and Other Strangers" (Wood)

MONTANA—Butte: Church, 229 N. Montana St., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 12.‡ "A New View of Prophecy" (Thorneloe)

NEBRASKA—Grand Island: Church, 1003 W. Third St., 3 p.m., Sat., May 14.‡ "The Touch of Spirit" (Clarke)

#### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SENTINEL

NEW JERSEY—Englewood: Church, Engle St. and Spring Ln., 8.30 p.m., Fri., May 13.‡ "Become What You Are!" (Rogers)

Union: Church, 941 Caldwell Ave., 8.30 p.m., Tues., May 10.‡ "Become What You Are!" (Rogers)

NEW YORK—Bellmore (First, Massapequa): Masonic Temple, Bedford Ave., 10.30 a.m., Sat., May 14.‡ "The Complete Man and Woman" (Heafer)

Brooklyn (First): Church, New York Ave. and Dean St., 3 p.m., Sun., May 8.‡ "The Spiritual Viewpoint" (Correll)

Cobleskill: Bouck Theatre, College Campus, 8 p.m., Tues., May 10. "What It Takes to Heal" (Spencer)

Dobbs Ferry: Church, 523 Broadway, 8.15 p.m., Tues., May 10.‡ "The Complete Man and Woman" (Heafer)

Freeport: Church, Merrick Rd. and Elm Pl., 8 p.m., Mon., May 9.‡ "The Spiritual Viewpoint" (Correll)

New York (Ninth): Junior High School No. 104, E. 20th St., bet. Second and Third Aves., 11 a.m., Sat., May 14.‡ "Become What You Are!" (Rogers)

New York (Fourteenth): Church, 555 W. 141st St., east of Broadway, 3 p.m., Sun., May 8. "Become What You Are!" (Rogers)

Olean: Holiday Inn, 2715 W. State St., 3 p.m., Sun., May 8. "How to Love and Be Loved" (Alton)

Potsdam: Church, 28 Elm St., 8 p.m., Fri., May 13.‡ "Spiritual Abundance Is God's Law" (Alton)

Richmond Hill: Church, 87–60 112th St., L.I., 3.30 p.m., Sat., May 14.‡ "Individualizing God's Power" (Pickett)

Southold: Church, Main Rd., 8.30 p.m., Thurs., May 12.‡ "The Family of Man" (Rogers)

Westbury: Church, 190 Ellison Ave., 8.30 p.m., Thurs., May 12.‡ "Accept Only the True" (Heafer)

Williamsville: Church, 111 Youngs Rd., 8 p.m., Tues., May 10.‡ "What's Your Greatest Need?" (Alton) Yorktown Heights: Sixth Grade School, 1974 Commerce St., 8.15 p.m., Mon., May 9.‡ "Accept Only the True" (Heafer) OHIO—Ashtabula: Church, 1030 Bunker Hill Rd., 8.15 p.m., Mon., May 9. "Christian Science: The Discovery of the Healing Christ" (Plimmer)

Cleveland (Sixth): Church, 3965 Rocky River Dr., 3 p.m., Sun., May 8.‡ "Ethics for Today" (Ferris)

Columbus (First): Church, 457 E. Broad St., 7.30 p.m., Sat., May 14.‡ "Keeping Pace with God" (Plimmer)

Hamilton: Church, 128 N. Second St., 8 p.m., Fri., May 13.‡ "Ethics for Today" (Ferris)

Lakewood: Church, Detroit and Arthur Aves., 7.30 p.m., Sun., May 8.‡ "Keeping Pace with God" (Plimmer)

Mansfield: Church, 91 Marion Ave., 8 p.m., Fri., May 13. "The Healing of Moral Weakness" (Plimmer)

Warren: Church, Washington and Vine Ave., N.E., 8 p.m., Tues., May 10.‡ "Christian Science: The Christian's Best Friend" (Plimmer)

OKLAHOMA—Oklahoma City (Third): Hilton Inn-West, 7 p.m., Sat., May 14.‡ "Get Your Life in Balance" (Driver)

OREGON—Baker: County Extension Service Office, 2610 Grove St., 8 p.m., Tues., May 10.‡ "Deathless Life" (Curtis)

PENNSYLVANIA—Athens: Church, 112 North St., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 12.‡ "What It Takes to Heal" (Spencer)

Warren: Church, 312 Market St., 8.15 p.m., Mon., May 9.‡ "What's Your Greatest Need?" (Alton)

VERMONT—Barre: Masonic Temple, Washington and Academy Sts., 3 p.m., Sun., May 8.‡ "Adventure into Inner Space" (Pickett)

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Seattle (First): Church, 16th and E. Denny Way, 3 p.m., Sun., May 8.1 "The Power of God" (Rivas)

Seattle (Fourth): Church, 1119 Eighth Ave. and Seneca St., 8 p.m., Tues., May 10.1 "A New Beginning" (Jenks) Tacoma (joint lecture): Bicentennial

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WISCONSIN-Antigo: Church, Seventh Ave. and Superior St., 8 p.m., Mon., May 9. "Why Spiritual Healing?" (McClain)

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Milwaukee (First): Church, 1451 N. Prospect Ave., 8 p.m., Fri., May 13.‡ "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle) Neenah: Church, 227 E. Wisconsin Ave., 8 p.m., Tues., May 10. "Why Spiritual Healing?" (McClain)

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